



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: The state of Colorado received below average amounts of precipitation last week. Overall, snowpack is down 2 percent from the previous week to 121 percent of the State average. Temperatures across the state were a little above average for this time of year. Farmers were allowed 4.6 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	31	48	6
Last Week	16	27	50	7
Last Year	3	9	78	10

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	12	33	52	3
Last Week	12	29	54	5
Last Year	5	15	72	8

Field Crops: Winter wheat was 9 percent pastured last week, with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 12 percent seeded by week's end, which is behind the 5-year average of 19 percent. Dry onions were 25 percent planted, up 15 percent from last week, and spring wheat was 10 percent seeded. Sugarbeets were 5 percent planted by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 30, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	10	22	36	26	6
Last Year	2	3	16	48	31

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly poor and fair across the State.

Livestock: Fifty-eight percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 49 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were both rated slightly above average. Stored feed supplies are rated at average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending March 30, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	5	28	45	22	0
Prev. Year – 2007	1	22	47	28	2
5-Year Avg.	17	27	36	18	2

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

	2008	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	58	60
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	49	51

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Development Ratings for Week Ending March 30, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	9	7	15	10
Jointed	1	0	2	3
Spring Barley				
Seeded	12	8	15	19
Emerged	1	0	1	4
Spring Wheat				
Planted	10	5	6	10
Emerged	1	0	1	2
Dry Onions				
Planted	25	10	21	30
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	0	0	2	1
Sugarbeets				
Planted	5	1	6	8

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	10	22	36	26	6
Livestock	1	4	25	58	12

^{1/} Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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